

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Doane, on April 3, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary  
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 29, SB 172, SB 236 & SB 251

**HEARING ON SB 251****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:28 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 251, Generally revise laws related to short term rental facilities.

00:03:42 Rep. Wagoner joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:09 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodge and Hospitality Association

00:06:44 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:11:58 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting.

00:12:14 Aimee Grmoljez, Bozeman

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:13:24 Marilee Brown, Self

[EXHIBIT\(juh69a01\)](#)

00:22:59 Rep. B. Brown joined the meeting.

00:23:00 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association (MLA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh69a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh69a03\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:41 Rep. Kelker

00:33:19 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

00:36:22 Rep. McConnell

00:37:44 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

00:39:11 Rep. Manzella

00:39:19 Rep. Eck joined the meeting.

00:39:25 Sen. Facey

00:40:02 Rep. Manzella

00:40:48 John Sinrud, MLA

00:44:15 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:44:37 Sen. Facey

[EXHIBIT\(juh69a04\)](#)

00:46:50 Rep. Harris

00:47:27 Sen. Facey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:31 Sen. Facey

**HEARING ON SB 172****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:16 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 172, Prohibit sale of fishing or hunting license if child support owed.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:54:05 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

00:55:07 Chad Dexter, Montana Child Support Enforcement Division of Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:55:29 Hank Worsak, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:49 Rep. Manzella

00:56:15 Hank Worsak, MFWP

00:57:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:57:40 Chad Dexter, DPHHS

01:05:00 Rep. Bishop

01:05:16 Chad Dexter, DPHHS

01:08:25 Rep. Harris

01:10:08 Chad Dexter, DPHHS

01:14:38 Rep. Court

01:15:32 Hank Worsak, MFWP

01:16:27 Chair Doane

01:16:35 Hank Worsak, MFWP

01:16:47 Rep. Manzella

01:17:13 Hank Worsak, MFWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:17:31 Sen. Lang

**HEARING ON SB 236****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:21:14 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 236, Constitutional referendum to safeguard right to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife.

**EXHIBIT(juh69a05)****Proponents' Testimony:**

01:41:13 Garrett Bacon, Self

01:41:57 Jeremy Maus, Montanan's For Wildlife and Public Land Access (MWPLA)

01:43:33 Bob Gilbert, Montana Walleye Unlimited (WUM)

01:47:08 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (MREF)

01:50:28 Matt Lumlny, Big Game Forever (BFG)

01:51:33 Brian Judy, National Rifle Association (NRA)

01:53:18 Paul Fielder, Montana Trappers Association  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a06\)](#)

01:58:17 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a07\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a08\)](#)

02:05:23 Chris Killon, Safari Club International  
02:06:53 Robert Aronsen, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:07:31 Becky Dockter, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP)  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a09\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a10\)](#)

02:17:02 Bob Lane, Self  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a11\)](#)

02:23:44 Hertha Lund, Self  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a12\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a13\)](#)

02:28:45 Chris Smith, Self  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a14\)](#)

02:33:57 Chris Marshion, Self  
02:35:18 KC, Trap Free Montana Public Lands  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a15\)](#)

02:38:40 Mark Cook, Wolfs of the Rockies  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a16\)](#)

02:38:55 Wes Miles, Trap Free Montana Public Lands, Inc.  
02:39:28 Paul Ringling, Self  
02:39:55 Gerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a17\)](#)

02:40:19 Dennis Lopach, Montanans for Trapping Reform  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a18\)](#)

02:40:39 Lisbeth Pratt, Self  
02:41:02 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)  
02:41:22 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a19\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(juh69a20\)](#)

02:41:40 Bruce Desonia, Self  
02:41:55 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
02:42:07 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)  
02:42:21 Susan Kronenberger, Self

02:42:38 Clare Beelman, Self

02:43:00 Jeff Herbert, Self

[EXHIBIT\(juh69a21\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:43:45 Rep. Manzella  
02:44:30 Shelby DeMars, UPOM  
02:47:21 Rep. Manzella  
02:47:55 Bob Lane, Self  
02:49:43 Sen. Fielder  
02:53:29 Rep. Kelker  
02:54:34 Becky Dockter, MFWP  
02:59:09 Rep. Kelker  
02:59:21 Sen. Fielder  
02:59:56 Rep. Kelker  
03:00:14 Sen. Fielder  
03:00:32 Rep. Kelker  
03:00:43 Sen. Fielder  
03:01:24 Rep. B. Brown  
03:03:51 Rep. Court  
03:04:37 Becky Dockter, MFWP  
03:06:04 Rep. Court  
03:06:25 Sen. Fielder  
03:09:28 Rep. Wagoner  
03:09:59 Brian Judy, NRA  
03:10:17 Rep. Wagoner  
03:10:45 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
03:11:04 Rep. Wagoner  
03:11:36 Becky Dockter, MFWP  
03:13:04 Rep. Wagoner  
03:13:26 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands, Inc.  
03:14:07 Rep. Wagoner  
03:14:43 Sen. Fielder  
03:14:56 Rep. Harris  
03:16:01 Hertha Lund, Self  
03:17:25 Rep. Harris  
03:18:11 Sen. Fielder  
03:22:11 Rep. McConnell  
03:23:10 Mark Lambrecht, RMEF  
03:25:22 Rep. McConnell  
03:25:24 Sen. Fielder  
03:26:50 Rep. Usher  
03:27:42 Becky Dockter, MFWP  
03:28:27 Rep. Usher  
03:29:51 Sen. Fielder  
03:31:50 Rep. Court

03:32:25 Hertha Lund, Self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:34:33 Sen. Fielder

**HEARING ON HJ 29**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:44:19 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 29, Interim study of landlord tenant laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

03:46:20 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)

03:46:44 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students

03:47:24 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of the Uni

03:47:42 Katy Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:48:18 Rep. C. Knudsen

03:48:26 Rep. Kelker

03:48:59 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

03:49:14 Rep. Kelker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:49:37 Rep. Kelker

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:49:52

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([juh69aad.pdf](#))**